Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, April 3rd, 1883.

A meeting of the City Council was held last night in the Council Chamber, Mayor Meredith presiding. Ald. Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, Hyman, Becher, O'Meara, Cowan, Skinner, Browne, Stringer, Moore and Boyd were also in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

The Clerk, Mr. A. S. Abbott, read the following

COMMUNICATIONS:—

From James Fitzgibbons, asking permission to remove a frame building to the rear of his lot, on the corner of Ridout and York streets, so as to make room for a new brick building. Granted.

From Samuel Keast, asking to be allowed to place a small threshing engine opposite his place of business in the Masonic Temple building. Granted.

From the London Athletic Club, asking for the free use of the City Hall for holding an exhibition on the 17th inst. Granted.

From Mrs. Hillier, asking exemption from taxes. No. 1.

From the Feltham Cricket Club, asking the use of a portion of the Exhibition Grounds for the coming season. No. 2, with power.

From W. Y. Brunton & Son, asking the privilege of holding a live stock sale on the Exhibition Grounds. No. 2, with power.

From S. F. Glass and R. Darch, asking to be allowed to build a frame stable on their premises. Granted.

From G. Shoff, asking for a shade over the window in his stall in the Market Bazaar. No. 3.

From Hon. John Carling and James Armstrong, M. P., acknowledging the receipt of a resolution passed by the City Council, in reference to the Credit Valley Railway. Received and filed.

From O'Mara Bros., asking to be allowed to extend their stall in the Market Bazaar nine feet eastward. No. 3, with power.

From the City Solicitor, with reference to forestalling by hucksters. No. 3.

From the drivers of the Fire Department, asking for an increase of salary. No. 3.

From Mr. James Owrey, asking to be allowed to repair a frame stable on his premises, Talbot street. Granted.

From Thomas Nicholson, board of an indigent, $1.50. No. 3.

Report of City Engineer on block pavement on Richmond and Dundas streets was submitted. Received and approved.

BY-LAWS.

A by-law to govern local improvements was read three times and passed.

A by-law was introduced and read three times for the purpose of giving power to the Market Clerk to allow the auctioneers to sell on the Market Square before one o'clock in the day.

NUMBER THREE.

Ald. Hunt (Chairman) reported from this Committee as follows:—(1) That accounts amounting to $991.04; (2) that the petition of F. T. Trebilcock and others be granted; (3) that the account of the Sisters of St. Joseph, for the maintenance of old women, amounting to $262.50, be paid; (4) that the account of the Women's Christian Association, $28.50, be referred to the Inspector to investigate, with power; (5) that the money paid to Mrs. Whitehead by the city be paid to Mrs. Veitch, to be spent by her for Mrs. Whitehead's benefit; (6) the chairman of this Committee having been empowered by the Council to purchase an ambulance wagon for the use of the city, before doing so begs to lay before the Council a drawing of an ambulance similar to those in use in the cities of New York and Buffalo, which can be built in this city for about $400. Before purchasing it was thought advisable to have the sanction of the Council for so large an expenditure.

Taken up clause by clause.

The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th clauses passed.

On the sixth clause Ald. Hyman moved, seconded by Ald. O'Meara, that tenders be asked for the construction of a wagon, and that the clause be adopted. Carried.

Ald. Becher thought it was time the large expenditure of No 3 Committee was put a step to. He moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the clause be struck out.

Ald. Hunt explained that some of the largest ratepayers in the city had petitioned in favor of the purchase of an ambulance, and, therefore, No. 3 Committee could not be charged with originating the idea.

Lost.

The yeas and nays were called as follows:—

Yeas—O'Meara, Skinner, Becher.

Nays—Birrel, Hunt, Labatt, Hyman, Cowan, Browne, Stringer, Boyd and Moore.

NUMBER TWO.

Ald. Browne (Chairman) reported from No. 2 Committee as follows:—(1) that the Commissioners' pay sheets, amounting to $539.38, and accounts amounting to $1,127.51, pass; (2) that the petition of French & Co. was granted in accordance with the by-law; (3) report progress in the matter of Nelles vs. City Council; (4) that $10 be paid to Mr. Ashworth for damage done to vegetables in his cellar by water from the street; (5) that $30 be granted to purchase trees for Victoria Park; (6) that your Committee be empowered to advertise for the extension of the Horton street sewer from Colborne to Burwell streets, in accordance with the Municipal Act; (7) that tenders be called for the re-planking of Victoria and Blackfriars' Bridges; also for the following supplies for the current year:—Gravel (different kinds), asphalt walks, paving, lumber for repairs, and nails, in accordance with specifications adopted by your Committee, and for the delivery of broken stone when and where required; (8) your Committee would also recommend that a site be procured of from 5 to 10 acres for a city gravel pit, and that your Committee be authorized to call for tenders for the same.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 adopted. Clause 4 read.

On the 4th clause Ald. Hunt moved, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that $15 be substituted for $10. Eost.

Yeas—Birrell and Hunt.

Nays—Labatt, Hyman, O'Meara, Cowan, Browne, Skinner, Stringer, Boyd, Becher, and Moore.

Clause 5th adopted.

On the 6th clause Ald. Stringer moved in amendment that the clause be referred back to the Committee, as the parties interested did not want the sewer.

Ald. Skinner seconded.

The amendment was lost.

The yeas and nays were called for on the amendment:—

Yeas—Hyman, Cowan, Skinner, Stringer.

Nays—Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, O'Meara, Browne, Moore, Boyd, Becher.

Ald. Browne moved the adoption of the last clause. Carried.

NUMBER ONE.

Ald. Hyman (Chairman) reported from this committee as follows:—(1) That accounts amounting to $5,026.36 be paid; (2) that the resignation of Jas. Taylor, Collector of the northern roll for 1882, be accepted, and that Mr. Taylor be rendered an account for the differences in 1881 and 1882 rolls, amounting to $574.64, and requested to settle the same; (3) that your Committee beg to recommend that a by-law be passed appointing a collector to collect the balance of the taxes still outstanding on the northern roll; (4) that the sum of $1,200 be inserted in the by-law authorizing the closing of John street, west of Talbot, and that the by-law be read a third time; (5) that your Committee be authorized to advertise for tenders for the issue of new debentures, the details of the same to be left in the hands of your Committee; (6) that the petition of Mrs. McKay, for remission of arrears of taxes, be granted by making her an allowance of $35; (7) that the petition of E. Glackmeyer for refund of interest on arrears of taxes be filed; (8) your Committee beg to report progress in the petitions of Mrs. E. A. Colville and Jane Bugler; (9) that the bond of the Masonic Temple Company be collected without interest; (10) that the communication of the Water Commissioners be filed; (11) your Committee beg to report progress in the communication of J. A. Nelles, Secretary of the Board of Trade; (12) that the cabmen be refunded the amounts of licenses paid over $5, and that the Inspector be instructed to collect only the $5, the amount according to by-law for cab license; (13) your Committee beg to submit the auditors' report for 1882; (14) your Committee beg to recommend that Messrs. Jewell and Miller be appointed to make a quarterly audit of the accounts for the year 1883 at a salary of $300 and $200 respectively, and that the City Solicitor be instructed to apply to the Legislature for an act to confirm their audit and dispense with the statutory audit, said legislation to apply in future years.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 adopted.

On the fourth clause Ald. Hyman stated that the Assessors had valued the property and reported it worth $1,200, and that G. B. Harris and E. Leonard had offered to take the property at the Assessors' valuation.

A by-law was then passed in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee.

The fifth clause adopted.

The sixth clause was referred back to the Committee.

Clauses 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 adopted.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Ald. Browne—That that part of the city known as the Harris Flats be exempted from the provisions of the by-law as regards the use of firearms within the city limits, in accordance with a petition of city sporting men, and for no other purpose.

Adjourned for two weeks.